



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

2024-2025 Water Quality Improvement Grant application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Philippe Park Wastewater Collection System Improvements.

Recommended Action:

Approval to submit the 2024-2025 Water Quality Improvement Grant application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Philippe Park Wastewater Collection System Improvements.

- Grant request of \$2,450,000.00 with a County match of \$1,000,000.00 for a project total of \$3,450,000.00.
- The project deadline submission date is June 30, 2024.
- No signatures required. The Parks and Conservation Resource Department will submit the grant application electronically.
- Philippe Park Wastewater Collection System Improvements, 000341G, is currently a sub-project of the CW Park Utility Infrastructure project, 000341A, budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and funded by Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas).
- If awarded, the grant funding will offset Penny for Pinellas and construction costs during FY25-26.

PID No. 000341G; total project estimate of \$3,450,000.00, including \$2,450,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 County match.

Strategic Plan:

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.2 Preserve and manage environmental lands, beaches, parks, and historical assets

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

FDEP is providing a funding opportunity through the WQI Grant Program for projects with a focus on protecting water quality. The four (4) onsite septic treatment systems at Philippe Park have identified for this project have been degrading and are in danger of failing, which puts Tampa Bay at risk of leachates from sewage. The project will connect Philippe Park restrooms to the City of Safety Harbor's wastewater collection system for proper treatment and disposal of sewage.

Background Information:

WQI is a competitive grant program which provides financial assistance to local governmental entities to implement ecologically sensitive wastewater solutions. If awarded, the funding will offset construction costs for the septic-to-sewer conversion project of four (4) septic systems at Philippe Park.

Fiscal Impact:

Philippe Park Wastewater Collection System Improvements, 000341G, is currently a sub-project of the CW Park Utility Infrastructure project, 000341A, budgeted in the FY24-FY29 Capital Improvement Program and funded by Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas).

The total project estimate is \$3,450,000. If the requested FDEP grant funding of \$2,450,000 is awarded, it will offset Penny for Pinellas by the same amount. \$1,000,000 of the project estimate would remain funded by Penny for Pinellas as a match.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

FDEP

Attachments:

Grant application
Grant announcement
Department Director Approval
OMB Grant Review
Grants Frequently Asked Questions